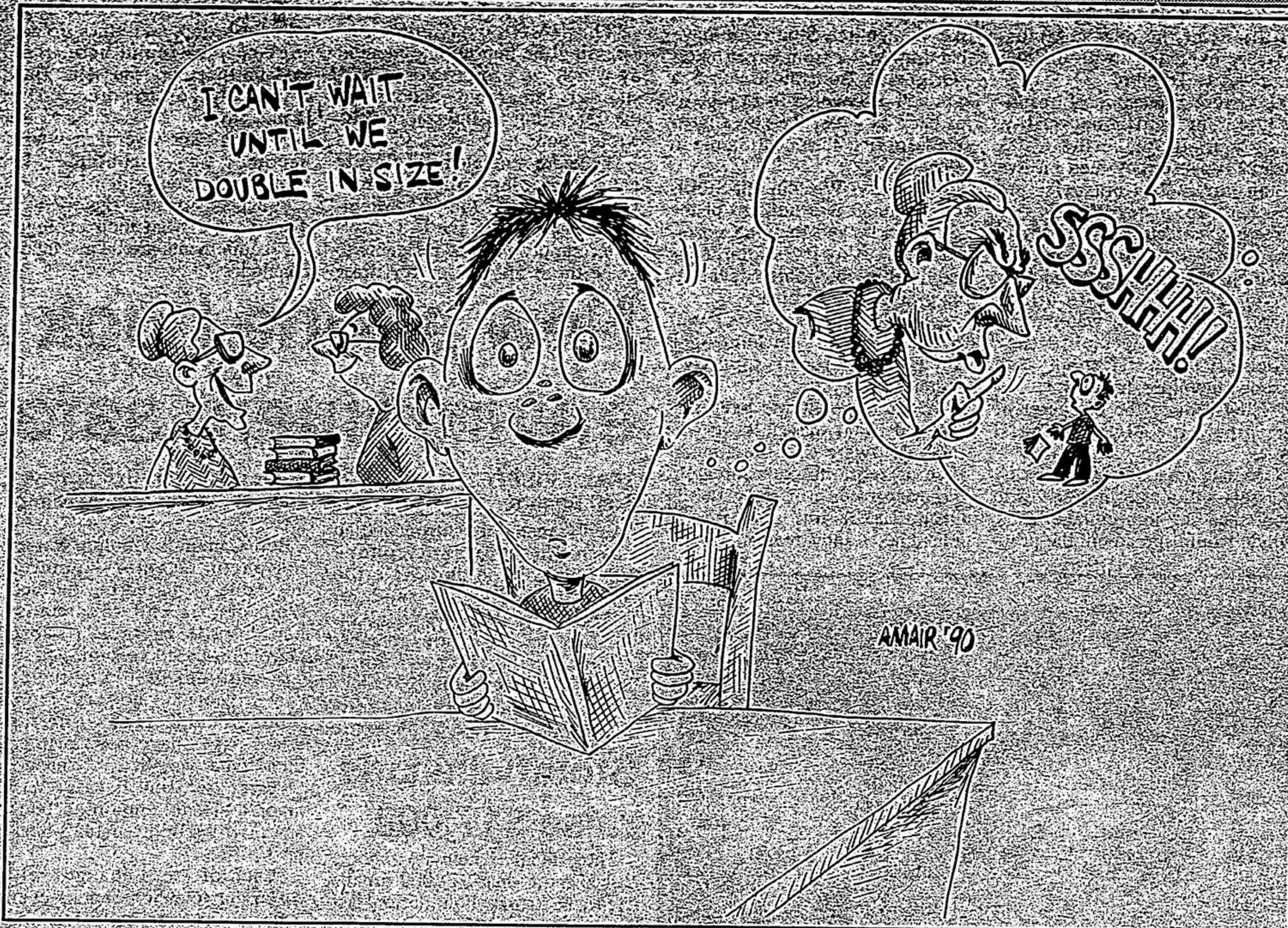


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## Participate to improve

Stouffville, it seems, is blessed with people who feel a duty to get involved.

And the merits of civic participation were no more evident than last week when Stouffville resident Darrell Rolls helped lead police to the capture of a murder suspect.

The results of his action quickly brought to an end a police manhunt which could have lasted for days and cost taxpayers gross sums of money.

But whether participation relates to fighting crime or volunteering for a worthy cause, the benefits are gratifying.

And it's the community in which we live that benefits from the selfless participation of a few.

In Stouffville there are numerous organizations that ask for help in the pages of this newspaper every week.

And larger, region-wide organizations need a boost in the Stouffville area as well.

None require huge time commitments or specialized skills.

All offer some sort of benefit to various members of the Stouffville community.

Darrell Rolls decided he could do something to help. If more people did the same, we'd all win.

# Miracle of birth brings friends closer

Her name is Meg Elizabeth Grace Baker.

When I first saw Meg, I couldn't believe she was real.

I couldn't believe she was a person.

I just couldn't believe anyone except my friend Liz, had performed such an amazing feat.

My throat constricted when I peeked a look at Meg's seven lb. six ounce perfect, tiny body behind the large plate-glass window.

I felt like I had done something great, new and scientific just for looking at her - so excited was I that I pushed some poor father out of the way of viewing his own brand new baby.

I mean, the nerve of this guy, blocking me - a close friend of the mother - just so he could see the tiny person he created nine



## kibble's bits

tracy kibble

months ago. Well, move over everyone, I'm takin' a boo at Lake Simcoe's future heart-breaker.

And there she was! Sleeping peacefully after her long, grueling journey into the world. Her shock of dark hair and deep pink angelic face innocent of all Earth's trials and tribulations.

Meg was the best-looking baby in the whole nursery, and that is my honest, unbiased, journalistic opinion derived from one whole second of staring in at her.

Every other baby paled in com-

parison - even Meg's hospital blanket looked better than the rest, just because it was covering her.

I never realized how emotional I would get just by seeing this miraculous creation of one of my dearest friends.

After nine months of growing and growing, Liz turned around and presented us all with this gorgeous child.

Darn, and I was hoping her hopelessly perfect figure was just

ballooning because she was finally catching on to the mid-20s bulge-a-thon.

But noooo. (The brat didn't even look pregnant from behind - doesn't that just burn you up?)

Most women retain enough water to wash the car or do an emergency load of laundry. But not Liz. She even looked cute with an enormous bulge in front of her.

Not only does Meg's mom look dynamite in 1940s-style men's jackets, and every type of tam and hat most people could never get away with, but I know she will make a great mom too.

Liz and I spent a lot of early mornings together before Meg was born. Months of touching her stomach, asking her how she feels

and insisting she drink all her milk is finally and, sadly, over.

Liz isn't one to be mothered by anyone either. She's strong-willed and street-wise just to the point of knowing how to look after herself.

That's why I know Meg is in good hands.

I'm sure the gang will be fighting over babysitting rights.

Well, you did it Liz, and I'm happy and proud to have been a part of the happiest time in your life.

Like Grandma and Grandpa Baker said, "Meg-a-Kisses" from all the gang. We love you Meg! (Born at York County Hospital March 13, 1990)

Do you think we can drag you out for a drink now, Lizzard?

## Editor's mail

# Speeding drivers a hazard

Dear Editor,

For the past year, I have been using 9th Line South between 8:30-9:00 a.m. During that time, I have witnessed daily occurrences of impatient and inconsiderate drivers who will not abide by the 60 km/hr speed limit posted in the area. Neither do they obey the solid yellow line.

I felt that if I drove at the speed limit, someone either rear-end me or force me off the road. Last week it happened.

Two impatient drivers behind me both pulled out at once to pass because I was doing the speed limit.

They bounced off each other, and then one collided with my car, spinning it into the west culvert and causing \$4,000 damage.

Fortunately, I did not spin into the large eastern ditch or a hydric pole.

It was only through the grace of God that we were not killed, or worse, permanently disabled.

For what? For power? To be on time? What has made drivers so aggressive? What makes people think the rules of the road don't apply to them? Are they not aware that driving 10 km/hr over the speed limit can result in a \$25 fine or that 20 km/hr over is \$75 and 30 km/hr is \$112.50 plus demerit points.

The two drivers involved were under age 25. Last year, people were complaining that those under that age should not be discriminated against and should pay the same insurance premiums as those over age 25.

In all fairness, I have seen all ages and all kinds of drivers.

The one I couldn't believe though, was a mother with her baby

in the front seat who was travelling 40 km/hr over the speed limit.

From the beginning of 9th Line South to Hwy 7, the speed limit changes from 50 km/hr to 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr to 80 km/hr and back to 60 km/hr.

This contributes to drivers becoming frustrated.

With the new traffic generated by the hospital, this road will become even more of a death trap.

This road is not unique. The general driving population in the Toronto area have the same attitude: "Get out of my way."

Being involved in this accident has forced me to take action.

I hope it will make drivers think the next time they have to pass the car in front, just so they can be first - that it's not worth it.

Sincerely,  
Karen McVittie

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